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PCT/CA2005/000097	27 January 2005 (27.01.05)	30 January 2004 (30.01.04)
International Application No.	International Filing Date	Priority Date Claimed

Nitriding Method for Improving Surface Characteristics of Cobalt-Chromium Based Alloys
Title of Invention

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1. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated Office (DO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).

The U.S. National Fee (U.S.C. § 371(c)(1))

2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE*	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	
NATIONAL STAGE FEES	TOTAL CLAIMS	50 - 20 =	30	x \$50.00 =	\$1,500.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 - 3 =	0	x \$200.00 =	\$0.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360.00				\$360.00
	Basic filling fee	\$300.00			
	Examination fee	\$200.00			
SMALL ENTITY	Search Fee	\$500.00			
	Total of National Stage Fees				\$1,000.00
	Total of above Calculations				\$2,860.00
	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Assertion must be made (note 37 CFR 1.27).				\$1,430.00
	Subtotal				\$1,430.00
TOTAL	Total National Fee				\$1,430.00
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Assertion of Small Entity Status

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Attached is a check in the amount of \$1,430.00.

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3. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.
4. An oath or declaration, including power of attorney, of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 is submitted herewith, and such oath or declaration

Other document(s) or information included:

5. An international Search Report or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith.
6. Additional documents:

International Publication No. WO 2005/073426

Specification, claims and drawing

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

Please charge to Deposit Account No. 19-4972 the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application:

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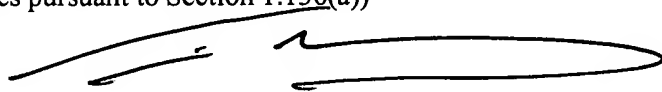
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37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (presentation of extra claims).

37 C.F.R. 1.16(s) (additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets).

37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (application processing fees)

37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a))



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